

# Hawaii MARINE

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Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

The Marine Forces Pacific Band marches down Kainalu Drive, during the 59th Annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade. This year's theme was "Kailua honors American heroes."

## Kailua honors America's heroes

**Pfc. Roger L. Nelson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

This year's Kailua Fourth of July parade, held Monday at 10 a.m., was in honor of military personnel returning from combat.

More than 10,000 spectators lined Kainalu Drive to watch as

Gov. Linda Lingle; Kailua Chamber of Commerce President Rich Pinto; Camp H.M. Smith Commanding General and Grand Marshal of the 59th Annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade Lt. Gen. Wallace "Chip" Gregson, Marine Forces Pacific; and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Commander

Col. Michael C. O'Neal, along with floats, bands and marching units paraded past.

"There is a big difference between the parade this year and last year," said Pinto. "Last year, many of our brothers and sisters

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## K-Bay celebrates 4th



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Fireworks by Grucci Brothers Fireworks light up the sky, July 4, aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, as part of BayFest 2005. The four-day annual festival drew thousands to K-Bay for activities, carnival rides, concerts and contests.

## HSL-37 celebrates 30th anniversary

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Press Chief*

The Marines and Sailors of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 37 celebrated their unit's 30th anniversary, Tuesday, during a ceremony that included a speech by their commanding officer as well as a ceremonial cake cutting to commemorate the event.

HSL-37 has only called Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, home since May 1999. The "Easy Riders" began their legacy at Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, but had to relocate to the windward side

of Oahu after 24 years due to the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

The unit holds the title of the Navy's oldest operational light airborne multi-purpose system squadron whose mission is to provide combat-ready detachments to the Pacific fleet in support of the nation's defense.

"Although our weapons and tactics are constantly changing to adapt to current and future global threats," said Cmdr. Patrick A. Molenda, commanding officer, HSL-37, "our mission is as vital to

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## Pendleton battalion lends hand for NEO

CSSG-3 gets a ride from 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marines from 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., provided defensive support and means of transportation for Combat Service Support Group 3, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, as part of a four-day Noncombatant Evacuation Operation training exercise.

The California-based Marines transported CSSG-3 Marines from Bellows Beach to the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai, utilizing amphibious assault vehicles from the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

"A lot of the Marines had not gotten the opportunity to ride in an AAV before this operation, so we made sure we explained all of the necessary precau-

tions once inside of the vehicle," said Staff Sgt. Juan Anorga, 1st section leader, 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion. "We explained all of the functions of the vehicle: embarking and debarking, what to do in case of a fire — along with general knowledge about the vehicles."

An AAV can hold 21 combat-loaded Marines, along with the crew chief, the driver, and observer who are the three crewmen needed to operate the vehicle. The chief is responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle and the safety of the personnel on board. The driver's job is to maneuver the vehicle in and out of the ship's well deck and onto the beach while the observer is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle passes safety checks.

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Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Combat Service Support Group 3 Marines arrive at the beach on Kauai by traveling on AAVs provided by the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

## Hawaii Reserve Marine supports children's rescue effort

### Press Release

Combined Joint Task Force 76

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — A routine orientation flight turned out to be anything but routine, at least for three Afghan children stranded in the middle of a flooded river near Salerno, June 27.

It all started as Chief Warrant Officer James Gisclair, from California, was giving an orientation flight to a pilot new to the area. He and the new pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Nathan Scott, from Utah, spotted a flash flood occurring after heavy rains hit the area earlier that day. They noticed a group of people standing along side the banks of a flooding river pointing toward the middle as they followed its

path.

"As we looked closer, we saw three kids stuck on a concrete foundation with the river rushing past them," Gisclair said. "We went back to Salerno where we asked to go back to rescue the kids. We were approved to go back and get them, and when we got back there the water had risen to above their feet."

The pilots, flying a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter configured for medical evacuations, couldn't land close enough to pull the stranded kids to safety and had to rely on a hoist system called a jungle penetrator. The hoist is basically a cable with a seat at the end and is lowered or raised with the help of the aircraft's crew chief. To rescue the children someone had to sit on the end of the hoist while someone else low-

ered them to the children.

The arduous task fell to Sgt. Tyrone Jordan from North Carolina. As Jordan got ready to be lowered to the now panic-stuck children, Spc. Christopher Zimmerman from Arizona set the winch in motion lowering him toward the rapidly moving water.

"They were real scared. Scared and cold, shivering in fact," said Jordan. "They didn't want to come to me at first but when I smiled and held out my hand they came running."

The hoist could only hold three people at a time so Jordan took the two youngest boys, who he guesses were ages five and eight, with him up to the helicopter.

"They were really scared of heights I think, one of them panicked and kicked me off the

hoist when I put them into the aircraft but thanks to Zimmerman I was secured to the cable and was able to pull myself back on to it," Jordan said.

Gisclair and Scott piloted the helicopter a short distance away to let the two children out before going back for the last one.

"We flew them about three football fields away," Gisclair said. "We set them down in an open backyard and then went back for the last kid."

The crowd of onlookers, which had looked disappointed and in fact mad, when the aircraft flew away after first spotting the children, had now swelled to approximately 600 people,

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Traffic to Base Housing to be Affected

From now until July 22, traffic along Harris Avenue will be affected by the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks; and also from July 25 to Sept. 2, and again from Sept. 12 to 30. Installation of catch basins and piping with connections to existing manholes on the corner of Harris and Middaugh streets will be installed from Monday to July 22.

All work will be conducted Mondays thru Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No work will be done on holidays.

For further information, contact Mr. Andrew Gasper, Tenant Relations Manager at 257-1257 ext. 287.

## Parking Lot Closure

The B-503 parking lot will be closed Tuesday for striping.

## Library Needs Volunteers

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii are having their 58th Annual Book Sale, Saturday through July 16. The book sale is in the McKinley High School Cafeteria, 1039 S. King Street, Honolulu. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the 58th Annual Book Sale, go to support Hawaii's public libraries. To volunteer, call 536-4174.

## Youth at Risk Needs Volunteers

Youth at Risk, a six-year-old nonprofit group, needs mentors, coaches and administrative volunteers for a seven-day course for seventh and eighth graders from Kailua Intermediate School. This intensive, DoD-funded course begins in late July and has a 10-month follow-up program. There are two more special orientation and introductory programs to be given this month, Friday and July 20 at 7 p.m. at Kailua Intermediate School, BFYAR Office, Room 121c in Building H.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about this program, call 779-7294 or 372-4115.

## HPA seeks military nominees

The Hawaii Psychological Association, in cooperation with the American Psychological Association, announced the 5th Annual Healthy Workplace Awards to promote psychological health in the workplace.

HPA has recognized several exemplary military units in past years. Each has modeled one or more "Best Practices" in the five areas that make up the award criteria: health, safety and security, employee involvement, career development, family support, and community service. Awards are available for large and small businesses, nonprofit organizations, government and military.

Military units are invited to apply now. Deadline to submit an application is Aug. 1. Applications are available online at [www.hawaii-psych.org](http://www.hawaii-psych.org) or by calling HPA at 521-8995.

## New Weekend Hours for Mess Hall

New dinner hours for Anderson Hall mess hall on weekends and holidays are 3 to 5 p.m.

## HI 5¢ Redemption Sites

Automated redemption machines will be stationed in the parking lot across from the Exchange Annex furniture/toy/garden store Tuesdays and Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Call 257-4300 for more information.

## Read the Hawaii Marine Online

To access the *Hawaii Marine* online, log on to [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil) and click on the "*Hawaii Marine*" link. The current newspaper and past issues are available.

## Important Phone Numbers

On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380

# 'Pimping' your ride can get costly, takes time

## Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** — With more than 595,000 registered vehicles in Hawaii and rush hour traffic starting around 3:30 p.m. on the weekdays, Oahu roadways cannot afford to have faulty vehicles.

That is why Hawaii requires motorists who have made after-market modifications on their vehicle to go through a vehicle reconstruction inspection.

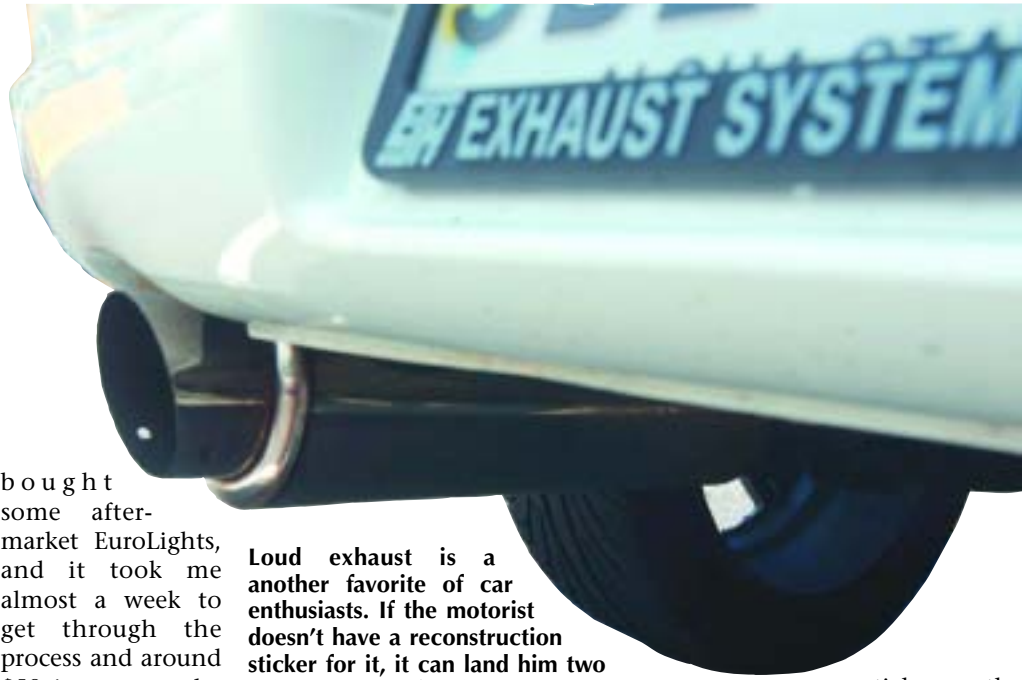
"It keeps people from making their vehicles unsafe," according to John Lovstedt, the highway safety manager for Hawaii. "The state tries to maintain the same safety standards that manufacturers have to adhere to."

The Department of Transportation requires manufacturers to adhere to federal highway safety standards. The myth is, what a private owner decides to do after they buy the vehicle is fair game.

"As long as the modifications are within most states' regulations, the motorist can modify their car however they wish," said Lovstedt. "The problem with this is that most state regulations are not as strict as federal regulations."

Hawaii's reconstruction policy, however, helps to make sure vehicles are kept at federal safety standards, according to Lovstedt.

"If a Marine is going to modify his car, he'd better have a lot of time and effort to spare because he is going to need it," said Cpl. Steven Washam, an administrative clerk at Camp H.M. Smith. "I went and



bought some after-market EuroLights, and it took me almost a week to get through the process and around \$50 just to get the inspection done," added the Cullman, Ala. native.

According to the rules and regulations governing vehicle reconstruction, there are ways Marines can avoid the hassle of the reconstruction process. Drawing up a detailed plan for the inspectors explaining what modifications are to be made before hand will ensure that no unnecessary work is done.

"It's best to do it that way. Who wants to spend all that money on modifying their car, only to have an inspector say that it's not within safety standards?" exclaimed Washam.

Some Marines, like Cpl. Daniel Omar Rosales, a supply administrative clerk at Camp H.M. Smith, will tell you that it isn't even worth "tricking" out your vehicle.

"I personally wish I had never modified my car after what I had to go through to get it street legal. It cost me \$30 just for them to take one look at my car tell me that it will not work," said Rosales.

According to Rosales, a Miami native, just about any modification will make you go through a reconstruction process. Marines need to make sure the parts they buy are DOT approved, otherwise the inspectors will just point and laugh.

If a Marine thinks that a random search at the front gate is annoying, wait until they go through one of these reconstruction inspections.

"They went through my car with a fine-toothed comb. My car had no private places after they went through it. I even got marked down for my license plate not being higher than 10 inches off the ground," said Rosales.

A Marine or Sailor who might try to cut corners and find someone to just slap a

**Loud exhaust is a another favorite of car enthusiasts. If the motorist doesn't have a reconstruction sticker for it, it can land him two tickets — one for the noise violation and one for no reconstruction verification.**

sticker on the back of their car might want to take a look at the penalties for falsifying a reconstruction inspection.

"Just because you have a sticker does not mean an officer cannot pull you over and check your vehicle for discrepancies," Lovstedt added.

Most policemen know the regulations, and if an exhaust has fire coming out of it, a little sticker probably won't keep that driver from getting a ticket.

That ticket might be the straw that breaks the camel's back. If a person does not have an appropriate reconstruction sticker on a modified vehicle, it can cost up to \$1,000. Falsifying reconstruction inspections can cost a motorist up to three times that much.

Marines don't have anything extra to sweat about, concerning the reconstruction law, because base regulations are the same as their respective states'.

According to Rosales and Washam, both of whom have had experience with these regulations, it's nothing to fool around with.

"You have to be careful. They are cracking down on that stuff. Not only will they bust you, they will do all sorts of investigations on the people and businesses that helped you out," said Rosales. "Your best bet is to just go through the process, or don't do anything to your car."

The reconstruction process receives praise from some and rolling eyes from others. Washam and Rosales agree it takes a whole lot of time, effort and patience, but it is the law, and obeying it can save Marines and Sailors even more time and can also keep them from emptying their wallets.

Car owners can visit [www.Hawaii.gov/dot/highways/adminrules/ruleshwy.htm](http://www.Hawaii.gov/dot/highways/adminrules/ruleshwy.htm) to learn more about the rules and regulations regarding vehicle modification.



Photos By Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks

**A car's license plate must be at least 10 inches off the ground, so body kits or low-profile cars, like the one above can, sometimes cut it close.**

# DoD increases death gratuity and SGLI

## Press Release

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced, Friday, a significant increase in the death gratuity for the survivors of service members killed in action and the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage for service members deployed to designated combat

## DUIs are career killers

*Editor's Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, individuals arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine.*

•July 1, Lance Cpl. James Z. Morgan of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Driving under the influence, with a blood alcohol content of .20 percent.

zones.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief Act 2005 (Public Law 109-13) increases this immediate cash payment from \$12,420 to \$100,000 for survivors of those whose death is as a result of hostile actions and occurred in a designated combat operation or combat zone or while training for combat or performing hazardous duty.

The supplemental also increases the maximum amount of SGLI coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 for all service members effective Sept. 1 and provides that the department will pay or reimburse the premiums to service members who are deployed in a designated combat zone for \$150,000 of SGLI coverage.

Until the effective date for the SGLI increase, the supplemental provides for a special death gratuity of \$150,000, retroactive to October 7, 2001, for survivors of those whose death is in a designated combat operation or combat zone or occurred while training for combat or performing hazardous duty.

The Secretary of Defense has designated all areas where service members are in receipt of the combat zone tax exclusion as

qualifying combat zones, and all members deployed outside the United States on orders in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom as participating in qualifying combat operations.

Effective immediately, survivors of service members, who die in these qualifying zones or operations, will receive the increased benefits.

The services will also identify eligible survivors of service members who died in these designated zones and operations since October 7, 2001 and begin making the retroactive payments within a few days.

The process of identifying all eligible beneficiaries and completing these retroactive payments will take several months.

Survivors of members who did not die in a designated combat operation or combat zone but were training for combat or performing hazardous duty, will also qualify for the increased benefits.

Circumstances that qualify include: aerial flight, parachute duty, demolition duty, diving duty, war games, practice alerts, tactical exercises, leadership reaction courses, grenade and live-fire exercises, hand-to-hand combat training, confidence and

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## Weekend weather outlook

### Today



**Day** — Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers, easterly winds, 10 to 15 mph

**Night** — Mostly cloudy skies with evening showers, easterly winds, 6 to 10 mph

**High — 89**  
**Low — 79**

### Saturday



**Day** — Partly to mostly cloudy skies with early morning showers, easterly winds, 10 to 15 mph with gusts of 20 mph

**Night** — Mostly cloudy skies with evening showers, calm easterly winds.

**High — 89**  
**Low — 78**

### Sunday



**Day** — Partly to mostly cloudy skies, easterly winds, 5 to 10 mph

**Night** — Evening showers with 50 percent chance of midnight showers along the mountains

**High — 88**  
**Low — 76**

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A Marine who is role-playing as an injured civilian receives medical treatment from Navy hospital corpsmen during a noncombatant evacuation operation training exercise at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai.



Cpl. Charlie Howard, heavy equipment operator, Maintenance Company, CSSG-3 gets ready to put an identification band on the arm of a civilian evacuee, played by Pfc. Marissa King, optics technician, Maintenance Company, CSSG-3, during a NEO training exercise on Kauai.

# NEO

## CSSG-3 takes part in noncombatant evacuation operation

Story and Photos By  
**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

**PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY, Hawaii** — After two and a half months of planning, Marines from

Combat Service Support Group 3, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, took part in a noncombatant evacuation operation training exercise at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the island of Kauai, last week.

Along with the help of Marines from

1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and the 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion from Camp Pendleton, Calif., Marines and Sailors from CSSG-3 boarded the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu and participated in a four-day training exercise that helped train them in the art of evacuating citizens from a hostile environment.

During the NEO, some of the Marines took roles as insurgents, while others acted as citizens of a factitious country who needed to be evacuated from hostilities.

Each role player was given a card, which described the type of personality that they would portray. In doing this, the Marines assisting the evacuees experienced a variety of personalities, some were friendly and some were hostile or belligerent, while others took on the role of the injured.

If they were injured, civilians were taken to the medical tent where Navy hospital corpsmen administered the required treatment. In some cases, the

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Cpl. DeFonsio Daniels, bulk fuel specialist, Engineer Company, CSSG-3, playing the part of an insurgent, is taken down by one of the Marines who are assigned to help evacuate civilians from a hostile environment.

An insurgent, role played by Cpl. DeFonsio Daniels, bulk fuel specialist, Engineer Company, CSSG-3, is taken to one of the administrative processing tents, during a NEO conducted at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. CSSG-3; 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; and the 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion from Camp Pendleton, Calif. joined forces to participate in a noncombatant evacuation exercise in which civilians from a fictitious country were safely evacuated by the Marines



Lance Cpl. Chris Campbell, test measurement diagnostic technician, Maintenance Company, CSSG-3, is taken to the ground after being belligerent as part of his role-playing as an insurgent during a noncombatant evacuation exercise held at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.



# Web site pays tribute to poet warriors

**Terri Lukach**

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Army Pfc. Jamie A. Goldstein so touched Kristin Johnson with his poem about the eagerness of soldiers in training to fight for their country that she dedicated a Web site to sharing his poems and the stories of other poet warriors.

“I was just blown away by this wonderful poem,” Johnson said. “The voice he puts to the military is so incredible.”

Johnson said Goldstein’s poem inspired her to showcase his words and those of others like him. “The men and women of our armed forces are bright, intelligent and committed — especially those serving now in Afghanistan and Iraq,” Johnson said. “They are doing something with their lives and for other people. They are expressing their passion, their dreams and their commitment to freedom. And I am passionate about giving them a voice,” she said.

Goldstein is attached to the Army’s 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Division, and is awaiting deployment to Iraq. His poem describes the warrior ethos of a brotherhood training for war and eager to fight for freedom.

Johnson said she spoke with Goldstein’s mother. “I talked to her about the poem,” Johnson said, “and was captivated by the need to capture the history of these men and their families.” The “Poet Warrior Project” started in earnest this month, and Johnson said she expects the site to be up and running in a few months. Goldstein’s poem will be its inaugural presentation.

Johnson said that while people know of many poets from past wars, from the nation’s earliest days through World War II, not many poets from recent wars are known. “Yet, these men are in touch with life at its most fundamental level. To not express that, to lose it, is a waste,” she said.

“This is the history record of a generation, a generation that is doing something phenomenal. They are fighting a war against terrorism, and none of us knows what it is like,” she continued. “I want to record their experiences, their feelings, and also that of their families.”

Johnson is a playwright, a journalist, a Web writer, a screenwriter, the author of three books, and the creator of an Internet site called “Poems for You” which she launched in 2001. “Writing is my passion,” she said. “I have always written poetry — for special occasions like birthdays or weddings. Finally, someone asked, ‘Why don’t you get paid for it?’”

She said poetry is a special, personal kind of writing. “There is something about poetry that is mystical, beautiful,” she said. “It doesn’t need to be for publication but to express feelings. That’s what these soldiers are doing and in such a beautiful way.”

Johnson said she was impressed by the depth, courage and eloquence of Goldstein’s poetry and hopes to raise awareness of the many wonderful things troops are doing that go unreported.

“I’m really thrilled to be able to support our troops in this way,” she said.

To view poems, visit Johnson’s Web site, [www.poemsforyou.com/poetwarrior.html](http://www.poemsforyou.com/poetwarrior.html).



## When Eagles Learn to Fly

by Pfc. Jamie A. Goldstein

2nd Battalion, 58th Regiment — Jan. 14, 2005

High atop a mountain,  
The newest look around.  
In their hearts they yearn to jump,  
But to the nest, they're bound.  
They see what's going on abroad,  
And it consumes their thoughts.  
There's shoes to fill and prey to kill,  
And targets to be caught.  
They may be mean, they may be angry,  
Strong may be their drive.  
But all of that means nothing,  
'Til these eagles learn to fly.

They sacrifice their blood and sweat,  
Earn feathers one-by-one,  
And bleed and sweat they will, until  
The day of training's done.  
And at that time, they then reflect,  
On things they all have learned,  
And often re-read passages,  
From pages that they've turned.  
With contempt for their confinement,  
They sing verses as they cry,  
But that will all soon change  
When these eagles learn to fly.

Their blood is hot. Their eyes are cold.  
Their hearts know not of fear.  
They dream of wreaths of olive leaves,  
But still clutch tight their spears.  
Collectively they ponder,  
The enemies they will try.

They've skills to hone and wings to grow,  
But that, they know, takes time.  
When the sand has fell completely,  
And their wings spread true and wide,  
They'll soar across the skyline  
And the world shall hear them cry:  
"Those who dare burn olive branches,  
Those who force their way,  
Those who seize what isn't theirs,  
And dare refuse to pay,  
Those who live by wicked values,  
And dare to walk with pride,  
Clear your throat and swallow,  
For we have learned to fly!"

"Those who dare crusade,  
Against the name of what is just,  
Those who dare raise arms,  
By exploiting others' trust,  
And expect a repercussion,  
No more violent than a sigh,  
Today you shall be proven wrong,  
For we have learned to fly!"  
"Those who dare condemn us,  
For enjoying our free will,

Those who feel our choices,  
Make us wrong enough to kill,  
Those who dare assault us,  
Anywhere at any time —  
You've met your final adversary;  
For we have learned to fly!"

**Col. Michael O'Neal, base commander, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, waves to viewers as he rides by during the 59th Annual Kailua Fourth of July Parade held Monday, at 10 a.m.**

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson



## PARADE, From A-1

were in combat areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan, this year they will be back home with us.”

Another new event that took place this year was a ceremony in honor of Senator Daniel Inouye in which Gov. Lingle presented him with a special commendation at 9 a.m., in front of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.

The theme in this year’s parade was “Kailua honors American heroes,” which was the same theme used in last year’s parade. The difference between the two parades was that this year the returning service members and their families joined the parade.

“These people are the people who keep us free and safe,” said the Kailua Chamber of Commerce president. “It’s good for them to be thanked. That way they know they’re appreciated.”

After the parade, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman hosted a post-parade ceremony in the Kailua District Park Pavilion.

“My favorite parade is the Kailua Fourth of July parade,” admitted Senator Inouye. “I haven’t missed a parade in the passed thirty years and don’t plan on missing one.”



Pfc. Roger L. Nelson

**Parade participants dressed as Uncle Sam and Abe Lincoln wave to the crowd gathered for the 59th Annual Kailua Fourth of July parade held Monday, at 10 a.m. on Kainalu Drive. This year’s theme was “Kailua honors American heroes.”**



# Water games



Chikako Johnson plays tick tack toe against Navy diver, Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Larson, Saturday, at BayFest. Johnson and her brother have an uncle in the Marines, and said they enjoyed their day at BayFest. BayFest is an annual event held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and is open to the public.

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

## HSL-37, From A-1

our nation's defense as it was thirty years ago."

Since the squadron started, it has experienced numerous transformations to become the unit it is today.

While upgrading aircraft from the SH-2 Seasprite to the SH-60B Seahawk in the early 1990s and through their transition from Barber's Point to K-Bay, the members of the unit have shown adaptability and flexibility to complete the unit's mission.

Over the past three decades, the squadron has received numerous awards and citations, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation, four Battle Efficiency "E" awards, two Chief of Naval Operation's Aviation Safety awards, eight Arnold J. Isbell trophies for Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence, and seven Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light, Air Wing Pacific, Top Torpedo awards.

"Over the past thirty years, the Easy Riders have amassed quite a trophy collection," said Molenda, "but the real measure of our success is, and always has been, our operational lethality. HSL-37 has established itself at the tactical forefront in the LAMPS community, and over the past thirty years we have deployed over 100 detachments, all over the globe."

Molenda credits the individual service members for making the unit's history one of success.

"It is the sacrifice and dedication of the people who came before us, and those who stand before me now, who have made this squadron what it is today — the Navy's premier LAMPS squadron," he said while addressing guests at the ceremony.

As the only LAMPS squadron in the Middle Pacific region, HSL-37's deploying detachments support all Pearl Harbor-based, Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates, Spruance-class destroyers, Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, and Ticonderoga-class cruisers throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The non-deploying personnel support includes combat system sea qualification trials, under-sea warfare weapon qualifications, and the training of shipboard landing signal enlisted and helicopter control officer personnel.

In his concluding remarks, Molenda took time to mention fallen Sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"It is this type of selflessness and dedication that is the backbone of military service," he said. "I am proud to say these virtues are not the exception, but rather, the standard within the Easy Rider team. It is the people who came before us that made this squadron what it is today, and now it is our turn to continue the tradition into the next thirty years."

## AAVS, From A-1

An AAV carries 171 gallons of fuel and can travel roughly 300 miles, or for seven hours, on one tank of fuel.

"I've been doing this for just over a year now, and I love it," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Poirier, AAV driver, 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion. "It's a blast to be able to take a 26-ton vehicle off a ship and onto the land. I feel very lucky to have the job that I do."

When it comes to riding in an AAV, passengers are warned about tight quarters and a not-so-smooth ride, once the vehicle is in the water.

According to Anorga, the inside of the AAV tends to get really warm and that, combined with the constant rocking of vehicle from being in the water, tends to make some Marines seasick.

"Another problem is that people will try and take off their gear to be more comfortable, and they end up getting hit with things," he said.

During the NEO, according to Anorga, no one was injured from the gear, but there were quite a few who

didn't make the trip without losing a meal.

Lance Cpl. Ann Hardenbrook said that she was one of those who made their first trip in an AAV, but managed not to succumb to seasickness.

"I got a little nervous when I saw other people not making it ..., so I'm glad I was able to hold it in," admitted the supply warehouseman, Supply Company, CSSG-3.

After landing in Kauai, Marines from the Amphibious Assault Battalion set up a defensive perimeter while the CSSG-3 Marines took part in the NEO. Then, at the conclusion of the operation, they then transported the Marines back to amphibious assault ship, and later, back to Bellows Beach.

"It was a good learning experience, and I liked getting in the field again," said Hardenbrook. "I think it was a lot better than some training ops, because a lot of us got to experience new things like the AAVs. Even though it was short, I feel like I've gained more knowledge."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Sam B. Phillips (left), aircraft structural mechanic, Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 37, and Cmdr. Patrick Malenda, commanding officer, HSL-37, cut the ceremonial cake as the unit celebrates its 30th anniversary, Tuesday.

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson



# NEO: Marines, Sailors gain training unique to MEUs

*From A-3*

injured were treated in the field. Before they could be evacuated, all of the civilians had to go through a series of stations that were set up by the Marines. These stations included an initial processing section, a search

area, an administration center, a medical tent, and a detainment area for people coming through who appeared to be hostile. “Our goals were to conduct an amphibious on-load and offload, set up a beach operations group, and complete the NEO,” said Capt. Christopher Murphy, Combat Logistics

Company 32 detachment commander, NEO express, CSSG-3. After setting up an evacuation control center, everything seemed to go well for the Marines who were conducting the NEO, according to Murphy.

The Marines were constantly on the move during the NEO in order to complete the exercise in the four-day timeframe that was allotted.

“There is a lot that goes into something like this, and the Marines seem to be pulling together well right now and getting what they need to get done in a short amount of time, said Murphy, an Amherst, N.H. native.”

This is the first NEO that CSSG-3 has taken part in since last year’s Rim of the Pacific training, which also landed them on Kauai. However, according to Murphy, the NEO was a new experience for a lot of the Marines.

“This was my first time for me doing a NEO, riding in an AAV, or being on ship for a training operation,” said Pfc. Dustin Maxwell, supply clerk, Supply Company, CSSG-3. “I learned a lot, and the NEO was a really neat experience. I was a role-player and got tossed around a bit when being disruptive, but it was a fun time overall.”

“The other unique part about this training operation is the fact

that most of the Marines out here are doing a completely different job then what they are used to normally doing,” said Murphy. “Everyone is adapting to the new experiences really well, and I’m very impressed with the overall performance of everyone involved.” The NEO was completed in the specified period of time and by the morning of the last day, evacuees were safely escorted to a bus that took them from the hostile area.

With the mission completed, the Marines tore down the site and loaded the stations, tents and equipment back onto the amphibious assault vehicles and landing craft air cushions, or LCACs — commonly known as hydrofoils, which transported them back aboard the USS Peleliu.

“This was an experience that some of the Marines out here may never experience again,” said Murphy. “Especially with riding the AAVs and the LCACs.

According to CSSG-3 Marines, this type of training is usually only available to Marines who are training with the Marine Expeditionary Units that deploy aboard the Navy’s amphibious ships. According to Staff Sgt. Amanda Soliz, Beach Operations group chief, Headquarters Company, CSSG-3, if it were up to them, they would like to conduct operations like this NEO at least once a year,

“The chances of getting this training doesn’t happen too often — unless preparing for a MEU, so the Marines are lucky they got this opportunity,” said the Seguin, Texas native. “It was a worthwhile learning experience, though, and the motivation level was high.”



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Gunnery Sgt. Brenda Parks, Transportation Support Company, CSSG-3, explains to Marines, who are role-playing as citizens of a fictitious country, how they will be evacuated from their supposed hostile environment.

*GRATUITY, From A-2*

obstacle courses, accident involving a military vehicle or military weapon, exposure to toxic fumes or gas and explosion of military ordnance. No amount of monetary compensation or level of assistance can replace a human life. However, it is our country’s duty to recognize the loss of a service member with dignified and appropriate support for the family members left behind. These death benefit enhancements recognize the direct sacrifice of life of those service members placed in harm’s way and in service to the nation. All beneficiaries for retroactive payments will be contacted by mail or telephone. If someone is not contacted, but thinks he may be entitled to added benefits, he may inquire at the following

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*RESCUE, From A-1*

Gislair said. The aircrew had no way to tell them they had to go to Salerno Airbase before they could rescue the children. In the end it didn’t matter, and their intent was soon clear enough for all too see. “They were happy to see us I could tell,” he said. “They were clapping and waving their hands at us when we picked up and set down the first two. The kids were scared but they were safe.” The third boy, who Jordan guesses was age 10, came quickly to the aircraft. “He wasn’t scared at all of me or the helicopter but he was cold and shivering very badly. The wind near the water was whipping around pretty good and the water was flowing very fast.” The aircraft’s pilots and crew are made up of a hodgepodge of units from across the world. Gislair and Zimmerman are from the 68th Medical Evacuation Company in Hawaii and Alaska and his co-pilot, Scott, is from the 159th Medical Evacuation Company from Germany. Jordan is also based out of Germany with the 45th Medical Evacuation Company.

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